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REVIEWS MONTENEGRIN ECONOMIC PROGRESS

Since the liberation, Montenegro has acquired 1,500 hectares of arable land. State farms owned 454,000 hectares of land in 1948, and 585,000 hectares in 1949.

By the end of 1950, the 8,700-meter canal on the Bjelopavlicka Plain will be completed. Sixteen kilometers of irrigation canals have already been completed at Ljeskopolje. The 9-kilometer dam along the Moraca River near Lake Skadar also has been completed. Thus far, 600 hectares of land have been protected from floods by dams in the vicinity of the villages of Mahala, Bijelo Polje, and Goricani.

Along the Bojana River a 7,800-meter dam is under construction, which will protect the arable land on Ulcinjsko Polje. Last year the 1,470-meter dam between Rec and Sveti Djordje was completed. The dam between Rec and Sveti Nikola is still under construction.

In 1947, Montenegro had four farm work cooperatives with a membership of 90 families and 154 hectares of land. In 1948, there were 27 farm work cooperatives with 790 families and 684 hectares of land. In 1949, 476 additional cooperatives were formed. As several of these cooperatives have been combined, Montenegro now has 459 farm work cooperatives which own 100,000 hectares of arable land.

The construction of hydroelectric power plants on Cijevna and Bje-
lopoljska Bistrica creeks is planned. With these power plants, the total
capacity of all Montenegrin power plants will be 37,000 kilowatts.

Before the war, Montenegro had only four hospitals and 12 srez dispensaries with a total of 713 beds. At present, Montenegro has seven general and three special hospitals and three srez dispensaries with a total of 1,604 beds.

Since the liberation, 50,000 persons have learned to read and write in Montenegro. At present, Montenegro has 607 elementary schools with over 46,000 pupils, 16 Gymnasiums with 14,398 students, and 43 seven-year schools.

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